

The Palestinian Bid for Statehood at the UN: Breakthrough or Setback for Palestinian Nationalism and for Peace?

Discuss the Issues with a Panel of Scholars

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict has dragged on for more than half a century. The Oslo peace process, initiated with such high hopes in 1993, lurched to a halt, particularly in the last two years when direct Palestinian-Israeli negotiations broke off.

Now, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is trying an entirely new approach. On September 23, 2011, he applied to the UN Security Council for Palestine to be admitted as the 194th UN member state.

The panel of scholars will discuss the pros, cons, and impact of this approach. Is it a breakthrough or a setback for peace? Will the UN Security Council approve the application? How will that change facts on the ground and on the peace process? If the Security Council rejects the application, what impact will that have on Palestinian hopes for a state and on peace efforts?

Come hear from and discuss the ramifications of this effort with scholars who are experts in the field.

The Panelists



Jonathan Adelman, Ph.D.

Professor, University of Denver, author or editor of more than 12 books about international affairs.



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Practiced law for 10 years in Washington, D.C., before entering public service and then academia. Directs the anti-Semitism initiative at the Institute for Jewish & Community Research.



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Professor at Smith College, teacher of Middle East Politics and other courses, author of four scholarly books and numerous articles.



Dr. Roberta Seid

Specializes in social and cultural theory and 19th-century European history, teaches at UC Irvine and serves at the research and education director for StandWithUs.

Join Us for This Panel Discussion in San Diego

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4:15 pm

**San Diego State University
Adams Humanities, Room 2108
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